THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) The Department of Company Affairs, to whom the matter was referred to for investigation, is yet to take a final view in the matter.

(b) to (e) the requisite information, to the extent available, will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Appropriation of amount by STC

1163. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3090 given in the Rajya Sahha on 19th December, 1991, and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that STC has kept large amounts which were due to Government on the imported drugs;

(b) if so, the details of the amounts kept by the STC which were not due to it in accordance with pricing formula;

(c) what steps were taken to collect this amount;

(d) what is the amount due from IDPL and HAL and when was it assessed in each case; and

(e) when each would be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) to (c) The amount will be reconciled with the STC and the Pay and Accounts Office and the details would be laid on the Table of the House, as soon as possible.

(d) and (e) The tentative amount due from IDPL is Rs. 396.26 lakhs and from HAL it is Rs. 36.66 lakhs as per the assessments made during the period 1986-90. After finalisation of the liability the dues would be recovered.

Monitoring the production of formulations

1164. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3091 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th December, 1991 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are monitoring the production of formulations based on imported bulk drugs;

(b) if so, how the information regarding production of imported formulations is considered voluminous;

(c) what are the names of imported bulk drugs on which custom duty has been exempted and who are the main users ; and

(d) what was the price of each formulations before custom duty exemption and what is their present price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The names of bulk drugs on which customs duty has been exempted are given in Notification No. 45/79-Customs dated 1-3-79 and Notification No. 213/88-Customs dated 30-6-88 as amended from time to time. The details of users of such bulk drugs and other information relation thereto are not being monitored by this ministry.